

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

August 22, 2005

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of an investigation conducted by Special Agent Karen Meunier of this Office concerning a bribery indictment issued against David Johnson, a former District of Columbia Public Schools Transportation employee.

On August 4, 2004, the Grand Jury's indictment charged Johnson with paying money to Tonette Cooks, a former D.C. Office of Finance and Treasury teller assigned to the D.C. Bureau of Traffic Adjudication, in exchange for Cooks falsely recording that various automobile tickets and fines had been paid in full. Cooks pled guilty to bribery on October 21, 2003, and her sentencing before United States District Judge Gladys Kessler is pending. On October 17, 2003, Sherry McKnight, a second "middleman" working along with Cooks, pled guilty to participating with Cooks in the bribery scheme, and was sentenced to 46 months of incarceration on April 28, 2004.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me on the number listed below or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

CJW/km